

DEFENDS THE QUEEN.

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BRITISH LANDING

Is Thought to Be Solely for Protection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The definite news from Hawaii brought a flood of inquiries to the state department. Senator Mills of Texas, was one of the earliest to appear. Soon after him came James H. Blount, ex-commissioner to Hawaii. He declined to discuss the news from Honolulu or to talk on the Hawaiian question at all.

In response to a question from one of the congressmen, Mr. Blount told of his visits to the queen. They had been so brief they did not give him a fair opportunity to judge of her character or intelligence. The first visit lasted only five minutes and the queen had little to say, apparently desiring him to do all the talking, and evidently not having a good idea of the situation of affairs at that time.

Mr. Blount said among the people there was a good opinion of the queen, and the sensational stories concerning her found little credence. He referred to the fact that since he had arrived in Washington he had met a lady, the wife of a congressman from Mississippi, who had been in Hawaii, and knew the queen. The lady stated that at the time of her visit to Hawaii which was prior to Liliuokalani's ascension to the throne, people were honored at receiving attention from her, and at being privileged to associate with her.

To one of the congressmen who asked Mr. Blount if he attached much significance to the news that British forces had been landed at Honolulu for the purpose of protecting British interests, he said it was probably for the sole purpose of protection. He added that it disclosed that much feeling and excitement existed on the islands.

Some of the members referred to the Blount report whereinupon its author said he had been compelled to make it much longer than he wished.

There was a very general desire among the people at Honolulu to say something on the subject, and they made constant applications to be heard, so that it was necessary to avoid prolix statements and cumulative evidence.

BOUTELLE'S RESOLUTION.

It Is Favorably Received by the Naval Committee and Causes Surprise.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A surprise was furnished in the Hawaiian matter by the action of the house committee on naval affairs, which voted to favorably report the Boutelle resolution to the house. This resolution is an iron-clad one, calling upon the secretary of the navy to inform the house by what authority instructions were issued placing the naval forces under the orders of Minister Blount and to furnish copies of all orders or suggestions issued by himself or any officer of the navy since March 4, 1893, concerning the naval forces at the Hawaiian Islands.

An amendment was made changing the date to March 4, 1893, so the operations of the navy in Hawaii under the Harrison administration will be included. The secretary of the navy is instructed to furnish the information, and is given no option to withhold documents which he might consider secret or of the publicity of which at this time might be regarded as contrary to public policy.

But one Democrat and one Republican member were absent from the meeting. Mr. Boutelle did not object to the amendment. Chairman Cummins of the naval committee will report the Boutelle resolution to the house immediately, but says it cannot be considered until the debate on the Wilson bill has ended. Mr. Boutelle, on the other hand, thinks the resolution can be called up at once and be debated for fifteen minutes on each side, as provided for in the rules. Mr. Boutelle says he is not surprised at the course of Minister Blount in the light of all correspondence which has been made public.

THE SENATE INQUIRY.

Naval Officers Testify Concerning the Landing of the Marines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations, which is charged with the Hawaiian investigation, held a brief session to discuss the changes which have taken place in the Hawaiian situation with reference to Hawaii since the committee adjourned last Tuesday.

Lieutenant Lucien Young of the Boston was the principal witness examined and like others before him was pledged to secrecy. It is understood he remained during the two hours. Mr. Young was under examination the committee made a searching inquiry into the action of naval officers and as to the landing and position of the troops which were landed. Lieutenant Young was in charge of the landing and was able to give in detail the movement of the troops and the manner in which they were handled by the authorities. The course of the examination indicated that the committee was desirous of doing full justice to the late Captain Wilts, who was the principal witness before him.

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Both Lieutenants Young and Moore are understood to have sustained Captain Wilts in all essential particulars concerning Hawaiian affairs in which the Boston and its officers and men took part. They argued there had been no conspiracy within their knowledge and called attention to the fact the vessel was absent on a cruise to windward for ten days previous to the call upon the captain for the landing of troops.

The committee then adjourned. Mr. Blount will be examined on Friday.

Lead Men Protest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The advance guard of the lead men, who will protest to congress against the lead schedule of the Wilson bill, arrived in Washington yesterday. Congress will be asked to retain the rates of the McKinley bill on lead ores, or to substitute some rates less radical than the reduction from fifteen per cent to three-fourth per cent a pound, and also to put lead in silver ores on the same basis, instead of the free list as proposed.

A Special Message Prohbits.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—At the White house yesterday morning there were evidences of special activity in the rooms of the secretaries and clerks. It is expected another special message will go to congress in a short time.

Liverman's Testimony Read.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—A court stenographer spoke yesterday afternoon at the trial of Dan Coughlin for the most important dead witness, Pat Diman. His story of the white horse transaction and the conversation with the detective forms one of the most binding links in the chain of circumstantial evidence which encircles the neck of the defendant. The fact that the fiery stable keeper lies in the cemetery does not detract from the legal force of his testimony given at the first trial, but it diminishes the popular interest.

Killed by a Jealous Husband.

MACOS, Mo., Jan. 10.—Pomaroy Ashton, jealous of his wife, last night shot and fatally wounded her. Ashton escaped recently from the Alabama prison, and, dragging a train, compelled the engineer at the muzzle of a revolver to take him to the end of his north bound run. He then came here and has since been working in the mines. After shooting his wife he stood by the window and escaped with his pistol and escaped to the woods.

Burglars Make a Fresh Raid.

MARSHALL, Mo., Jan. 10.—The grocery house of William Lytle & Co. at Arrow Rock was entered by burglars last night, the safe was blown open and \$40 in money and notes valued at \$4,000 were taken. The burglars are at large. A reward has been offered for their arrest and conviction.

Quick Action Wanted.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 10.—The Merchants' exchange has instructed its secretary to address an appeal to the senators and representatives of Missouri in congress asking them to urge speedy action by congress on the tariff bill, as the delay is very injurious to the business interests.

No Damages for Mental Anguish.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 10.—In the United States court in the case of A. G. Hall vs. Western Union Telegraph company, in which damages for mental anguish were claimed, the court sustained the defendant's demand that mental anguish is not an actual damage and dismissed the case.

Impeachment Proceedings Withdrawn.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 10.—A resolution was passed yesterday afternoon in the lower house of the council withdrawing the impeachment charges against Chief Harris, and as the impeachment originated in the house this is a decision in favor of the chief.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Five of the biggest New York firms employing wood carvers have locked out their men.

The Kentucky legislature re-elected Senator William Lindsey. He received 97 Democratic votes. Pauline, Republican candidate, 43; Populist, 4.

A coal miner named Ashton Springer shot and killed his mistress, Lula Madison, at Beaver, Mo.

The opposition to Congressman Green in the contest for the Iowa senatorship is solidifying, and it is thought possible J. S. Clarkson may be nominated.

Sherman Waggoner shot his wife dead at Shoshone, Ind., because she had returned to her father's house and refused to live with him.

Prairie fires are doing much damage in Oklahoma.

The Chicago and Alton has filed information against M. Shay, agent at Marshall, Mo., charging him with embezzling \$1,200.

The house committee on invalid pensions has ordered a formal report on the senate bill to reform the clause of the last appropriation act which cuts off from the pension rolls non-residents who are not citizens of the United States except those suffering from actual disabilities received in the service.

Most of the business portion of the village of Bellevue, Eaton county, Mich., was burned. The losses will aggregate about \$50,000, with a surprisingly light insurance, owing to high rates.

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TO IGNORE WAITE.

Colorado's Legislature Assembles at Denver Today,

Proposes to Adjourn at the End of the Week.

THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN

To Be Treated With Cold Contempt by Legislators.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 10.—The legislature convened in extraordinary session today noon in accordance with the call of Governor Waite. It is an extraordinary session in more senses than one, for the call has been insisted upon against the protests of representative members of all political parties, and of the business and mercantile communities throughout the state. Even the most intimate friends of the governor have labored with him to withdraw the call, but without effect. Politically the legislature is made up as follows:

Senate—Republicans, 15; Democrats, 8; Populists, 2.

House—Republicans, 38; Democrats, 5; Populists, 2.

It will thus be seen that the Republicans and Democrats combined have a majority of 23 over the Populists, even supposing that every one of the latter is in accord with the governor's programme, while the Republicans lack four of a majority over the Democrats and Populists combined.

The policy of the Republicans is to adjourn sine die after the formality of organization has been gone through. If the 31 Republicans in the house, which is one majority of the whole, can be held together this will be accomplished, but at the last session three of them proved so refractory that it required united effort on the part of the leaders to keep them in the traces. In the senate the presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor D. H. Nichols, is an ex-Republican Populist. Formerly he was a bosom friend of the governor, but of late he has declared himself opposed to the extra session, and it is believed today that he will declare in favor of an early adjournment.

Some of the Republicans have favored remaining long enough in session to institute impeachment proceedings against the governor, but this scheme is opposed by the leaders, who do not believe that it would be successful and who believe in concentrating all their efforts toward neutralizing his proposed policy by adjourning without delay. Great pressure is being brought to bear today upon the country members by influential citizens who are profoundly and personally interested in the financial and commercial prosperity of the state, to induce them to favor an adjournment without transacting any business.

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